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In re Application of
Clifford L. Smith
Application No. 10/798,768
Filed: March 11, 2004
For: Composite Tool Coating System

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 13, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed February 25, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The amendment submitted on July 14, 2005, did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed August 23, 2005. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed. Extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 26, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of February 25, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1762.


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